

HOUSE No. 2759

By Ms. Malia of Boston, petition of Elizabeth A. Malia and others that persons recognized as spouses be entitled to benefits under the MassHealth program. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Elizabeth A. Malia	Frank I. Smizik
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	Dianne Wilkerson
Ruth B. Balser	Alice Hanlon Peisch
Marie P. St. Fleur	Benjamin Swan
Douglas W. Petersen	Kay Khan
Michael E. Festa	Anne M. Paulsen
Matthew C. Patrick	Susan C. Fargo
Byron Rushing	Cynthia S. Creem
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REGARDING EQUALITY IN THE MASSHEALTH PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding at the end the
- 2 following new section:—
- 3 Section 53. All persons recognized as spouses for purposes of
- 4 Massachusetts state law shall be entitled to the same level of ben-
- 5 efits under the MassHealth program as persons recognized as
- 6 spouses pursuant to federal Medicaid law.